

August 17, 1937

The Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,  
Elizabeth, New Jersey.

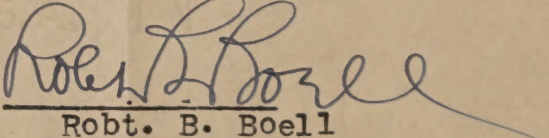
Dear Dr. Robinson:

Just briefly would you be so kind as to give me your impression of the present missions situation of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. with regard to the membership of the boards and the status of the missionaries.

I am a student supply of a church which was split by a Westminster graduate. Some of the members still are not giving their benevolence money to the church because they have been told of modernists on the boards and on the mission fields.

A statement from you, a distinguished clergyman, of the Presbyterian Church with reference to the above will do a great deal of good, I am certain.

Respectfully yours,

  
Robt. B. Boell

Nottingham Presbyterian Church  
Nottingham, Pennsylvania.



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS

Grant Mason, Minister  
Manse 203 W. Sheridan Road

August 20, 1937

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson, Editor,  
THE PRESBYTERIAN,

1217 Market Street,  
Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

The Central Presbyterian Church of Petersburg, Illinois was founded by and with Dr. John Allen as charter Elder. Dr. Allen was formerly a citizen of New Salem community, now a State Park site two miles south of Petersburg. New Salem was the community in which Abraham Lincoln lived for six years, formed many of his habits and established many of his ideas and ideals and from which he took his departure to Springfield, the legislature and ultimately the Presidency of the United States of America.

It is generally conceded by historians that Dr. Allen, the resident physician of the New Salem community was the spiritual mentor of Abraham Lincoln. Subsequent to the removal of the village to what is now Petersburg, Dr. Allen continued to be a vital religious force. The aboved named church, of which he is founder, is now ninety eight years old. As a layman he stands as a notable example of what a layman can do if he be of a mind to.

In a manuscript entitled "A Presbyterian Layman's Contribution" I have set forth these facts in some detail, showing how extensive and important his influence was in his community and to his nation through its emancipation President. The manuscript is about 1900 words long.

If you wouldbe interested in examining this paper with reference to the pages of THE PRESBYTERIAN, I would be glad to submit it to you. With it I am able to furnish newspaper mats of Dr. Allen and of the Central Presbyterian Church edifice.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Grant Mason.*



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1217 Market Street  
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Gentlemen:

You will find enclosed my check for \$2.50 for  
one year subscription to "The Presbyterian".

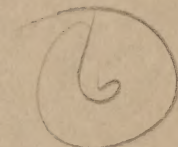
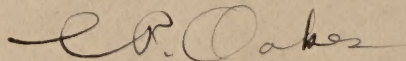
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I was very much interested in a clipping from  
your July 29, 1937 issue about the Resolution of  
the Seattle Church, and also the reference to the  
Immanuel Church's action.

The enclosed material, together with the  
fact that I am a Presbyterian, will explain my  
interest in this matter. If there is anything  
along this line with which I can help please feel  
free to call upon me.

Yours very truly,

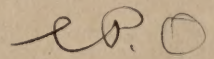
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P.S.

P.S. According to my impression the "Oxford  
Conference" was primarily a marshaling of the left  
wing forces to make a drive on Edinburgh. Where can  
I get a complete report on this conference from some-  
one who understands the real purpose of the Christian  
Socialist Movement, and just what Reinhold ~~and~~ Niebuhr *et al*  
~~Niebuhr~~ are up to. How did they get the Arch-  
bishop of Canterbury to help them?





Dear Dr\*Robinson:

Here is a sketchy picture of church news writers in the three papers. Seems to suggest a lot of things.

Presbyterian	Banner	Tribune.
12 18 issue. July 15 to date	20 issues. June 24 to date.	11 issues, July 8 to date
Pittsburg Philadelphia Cincinnati Florida Dayton Nebraska Detroit New York S. California Chicago Baltimore Upp Michigan New Jersey	Chicago Cleveland California. Florida Nebraska New York Philadelphia Wheeling Pittsburg Pac. Coast Harrisburg. Wisconsin Utah Indiana Canada Oklahoma Chicago Buffalo Tennessee Dayton Toledo Detroit St. Louis Kansas New Jersey	Washington Philadelphia Oklahoma. Tennessee Nebraska N. Carolina New York Pittsburg Up State. N.Y. Cincinnati Florida Cleveland Tennessee Brooklyn New England Texas Chatanooga Kansas Missouri California New Jersey
Kauffman Beery Whallon Linn Plymate Perry Kircher McDowell Tinning Ware Hazeltime Bryce Ewing	E.N. Ware Ruff G. Hunter Linn Perry Swaim Pence. Potter Kaufman Miller Cherry. Bradfield H.V. Comin Harry Kerr Walter Hickman Patten Burton Plymate Walter Hoot Ewer Arnold Ewing.	Darby Pance Walter Cathey. Perry Comin Savage. Murray Adams North Linn Ruff Burton Steen Rice. Poe Piper Arnold Perry G. Hunter Ewing.

Quite a number of the names in columns two and three appear in less than three issues. and cannot be considered as regulars.

The list in the enclosed sheets, I consider live stuff to work through. It is the crowd I have been meeting with closely for several years. The 1937 crowd is of course a little better. A half dozen of the above are in the other list. I see great possibilities in Bradfield of Wisconsin, Arnold of Kansas and others of the above list. ~~Swain~~ Better file this material. It may be of service again.

Cordially,

Enclosure.

*Joseph Law Ewing*